

**157.8 Licensing of schools of cosmetology arts and sciences and instructors.**

1. It is unlawful for a school of cosmetology arts and sciences to operate unless the owner has obtained a license issued by the department. The owner shall file a verified application with the department on forms prescribed by the board. The application for a license for a school shall be accompanied by the annual license fee determined pursuant to [section 147.80](#) and shall state the name and location of the school and such other additional information as the board may require. The license is valid for one year and may be renewed. A license for a school of cosmetology arts and sciences shall not be issued for any space in any location where the same space is also licensed as a barber school. The school of cosmetology arts and sciences must pass a sanitary inspection under [section 157.6](#). An annual inspection of each school of cosmetology arts and sciences, including the educational activities of each school, shall be conducted and completed by the board or its designee prior to renewal of the license.

2. The number of instructors for each school shall be based upon total enrollment, with a minimum of two instructors employed on a full-time basis for up to thirty students and an additional instructor for each fifteen additional students. However, a school operated by an area community college prior to September 1, 1982, with only one instructor per fifteen students is not subject to this paragraph and may continue to operate with the ratio of one instructor to fifteen students.

a. A person employed as an instructor in the cosmetology arts and sciences by a licensed school shall be licensed in the practice and shall possess a separate instructor's license which shall be renewed biennially. An instructor shall file an application with the department on forms prescribed by the board. Prior to licensure, an applicant for an instructor's license shall have been actively engaged in the practice for a period of two years and complete a course of study required by the board or an instructor's course at a school for cosmetology arts and sciences, and meet any other requirement established by the board.

b. The application for an instructor's license shall be accompanied by the biennial fee determined pursuant to [section 147.80](#).

[C31, 35, §2585-c9; C39, §2585.18; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, §157.9; C77, 79, 81, §157.8]  
83 Acts, ch 68, §1; 92 Acts, ch 1205, §7; 2004 Acts, ch 1044, §10  
Referred to in [§714.18](#), [714.25](#)